

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Southeastern Synod Council Executive Committee
Minutes, September 21, 2018
10:00 a.m. – Noon**

In attendance:

The Rev. Julian Gordy, Bishop
Mr. Imran Siddiqui, Vice President
The Rev. Randy Jones, Secretary
Mr. Lee Smith, Treasurer
The Rev. Kim Stover
Ms. Roxanne Thompson
Mr. Steven Schrader
Deacon Michelle Angalet
Dr. Sandra Gustavson

I. CALL TO ORDER

VICE PRESIDENT SIDDIQUI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

II. OPENING PRAYER: BISHOP JULIAN GORDY

The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Proposed Action:

EC2018.09.01 The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (*Exhibits B.1 & B.2*)

Proposed Action:

EC2018.09.02 Approved the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings of May 30, 2018 and July 19, 2018.

V. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE BISHOP (*Exhibit A.1*)

The bishop spoke about the Advocacy grant that is overseen by the Advocacy Committee. A grant was given to hire an intern, Jordan Slappey.

The bishop was recently at the German Consultation meeting in Chicago. He expressed high regards for them.

The bishop will be at the Conference of Bishops next week in consultation with the Churchwide leaders to consider what to do about the Churchwide organization. How do we sustain the organization?

The property that was formerly St. Paul Lutheran in Nashville is being used to operate a food bank. The program feeds 250 women and children every weekend. Christ Church in Nashville has been using the nave to host a jazz Eucharist every Saturday evening. We need to have a space use policy for the property and someone to oversee the property. The bishop will ask for the right to appoint the Rev. Lewis Groce and a couple of other people to write the policy and oversee the property. We receive \$800 a month from the food program.

The builders at the synod offices need to know which logo should be used for the signs at the offices.

VI. APPOINTMENT TO MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Proposed Action

EC 2018.09.03 Appoint the Rev. Michael Jannett, Advent, Murfreesboro, TN to serve on the Mutual Ministry Committee, with a 2-year term ending in June 2020.

VII. DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN SYNOD COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

- Review Plan for Synod Council Orientation

No changes to the plan.

- Update: A Living Lutheran Legacy & Construction Progress

Move in is now the third week in October. We have a balance in the building fund of about \$10,000. There is a possibility that another gift will be given soon.

- Election of Synod Bishop at 2019 Synod Assembly

After dinner we will discuss the election.

- Revised Job Description for Synod Treasurer

The synod treasurer's task will be more hands on due to the retirement of Dr. Sandra Gustavson on August 31, 2019. The nominating committee for the treasurer is a committee of three which is the last three treasurers for the synod.

VIII. CHANGES TO THE SYNOD COUNCIL AGENDA

- Proposed Action:

Make the following changes to the proposed Synod Council agenda:

No changes.

IX. REMOVAL OF ACTIONS FROM *EN BLOC* CONSIDERATION

- Proposed Action:

No items were removed from the *en bloc* actions.

NO REMOVALS.

CLOSING PRAYER – REV. KIM STOVER

The Rev. Kim Stover closed the meeting with prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Siddiqui adjourned the meeting.